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LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) A method for setting a hearing aid system,
5 comprising:
- providing a first and a second hearing aid device;
 - providing at least one input transducer for each of the first and second hearing aid device;
 - receiving an acoustic input signal by the input transducer and converting
10 the acoustic input signal into an electrical signal by the input transducer;
 - processing the electrical signal by a signal processing unit and converting the processed electrical signal into an output signal by an output transducer;
 - 15 providing a signal path for data transmission between the first and second hearing aid device;
 - determining a signal transit time of the electrical signal in a signal path between the input transducer and the output transducer of the first hearing aid device;
 - 20 transmitting a signal via the signal path for data transmission from the first hearing aid device to the second hearing aid device related to the determined signal transit time; and
 - adapting a signal transit time of the electrical signal in a signal path between the input transducer and the output transducer of the
25 second hearing aid device to the determined signal transit time in the first hearing aid device based on the transmitted signal.

2. (original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

determining a signal transit time needed for passage of an electrical signal through a sub-region of the signal path between the input transducer and the output transducer of the first hearing aid device.

5 3. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the signal transit time of the electrical signal in the first hearing aid device is automatically determined, and the data ~~a signal~~ is transmitted onto the second hearing aid device.

10 4. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein determining the signal transit time of the electrical signal in the first hearing aid device further comprises:

determining an envelope of the electrical signal; and

calculating a phase shift for determined envelopes of the electrical signal

15 for determining the signal transit time.

5. (original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:
applying a correlation analysis for determining the signal transit time.

20 6. (original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:
generating a test signal for determining the signal transit time, the test signal at least partially traversing the signal path between the input transducer and the output transducer of the first hearing aid device.

25 7. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

determining a signal transit time of an electrical signal in a signal path
between the input transducer and the output transducer of the
second hearing aid device; and

5 transmitting data relating to the signal transit time ~~a signal~~ via the signal
path for data transmission from the second hearing aid device to
the first hearing aid device related to the determined signal transit
time of the second hearing aid device.

8. (original) The method according to claim 7, further comprising:
10 determining which is the shortest of: a) the signal transit time in the first
hearing aid device, and b) the signal transit time in the second
hearing aid device; and
introducing a signal delay in the hearing aid device determined to have the
shortest signal transit time.

15 9. (original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:
providing digital circuit technology for the signal processing unit; and
adapting a clock frequency of at least one digital component for adapting
the signal transit time.

20 10. (original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:
setting a filter of the first hearing aid device for adapting the signal transit
time.

25 11. (original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:
periodically determining the signal transit time and adapting the signal
transit time.

12. (original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:
implementing at least one of a parameter and a function change in at least
one of the first and second hearing aid devices; and
- 5 the determining of the signal transit time and adapting of the signal transit
time follow the implementing of the at least one of the parameter
and the function change.
13. (original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:
- 10 providing a plurality of parallel frequency channels for the signal
processing, wherein the determining of the signal transit time and
the adapting of the signal transit time ensue in at least one of the
frequency channels.
- 15 14. (previously presented) A method for setting a hearing aid system,
comprising:
- providing a first and a second hearing aid device;
- providing at least one input transducer for each of the first and second
hearing aid device;
- 20 receiving an acoustic input signal by the input transducer and converting
the acoustic input signal into an electrical signal by the input
transducer;
- processing the electrical signal by a signal processing unit and converting
the processed electrical signal into an output signal by an output
- 25 transducer;
- providing a signal path for data transmission between the first and second
hearing aid device;

determining an amplification value or a change in amplification value of an electrical signal in a signal path between the input transducer and the output transducer of the first hearing aid device;

5 transmitting a signal, via the signal path for data transmission to the second hearing aid device, related to the determined amplification value or change in amplification value; and

adapting an amplification of an electrical signal in a signal path between the input transducer and output transducer of the second hearing aid device according to the determined amplification value or

10 change in amplification value determined for the first hearing aid device.

15. (original) The method according to claim 14, further comprising:

determining an amplification or amplification change of the electrical signal

15 for a sub-region of the signal path between the input transducer and the output transducer of the first hearing aid device.

16. (original) The method according to claim 14, wherein the amplification or amplification change of the electrical signal in the first hearing aid device is

20 automatically determined, and a signal is transmitted onto the second hearing aid device.

17. (original) The method according to claim 14, further comprising:

generating a test signal for determining the amplification or amplification

25 change, the test signal at least partially traversing the signal path between the input transducer and the output transducer of the first hearing aid device.

18. (original) The method according to claim 14, further comprising:
utilizing at least one of signal amplitudes and signal levels of the electrical
signal for determining the amplification or amplification change.

5 19. (original) The method according to claim 14, further comprising:
determining an amplification or amplification change of an electrical signal
in a signal path between the input transducer and the output
transducer of the second hearing aid device; and
transmitting a signal via the signal path for data transmission from the
10 second hearing aid device to the first hearing aid device related to
the determined amplification or amplification change of the second
hearing aid device.

20. (original) The method according to claim 14, further comprising:
15 setting a filter of the first hearing aid device for adapting the amplification.

21. (original) The method according to claim 14, further comprising:
periodically determining the amplification or amplification change and
adapting the amplification.

20 22. (original) The method according to claim 14, further comprising:
implementing at least one of a parameter and a function change in at least
one of the first and second hearing aid devices; and
the determining of the amplification and adapting of the amplification follow
25 the implementing of the at least one of the parameter and the
function change.

23. (original) The method according to claim 14, further comprising:
providing a plurality of parallel frequency channels for the signal
processing, wherein the determining the determining the
amplification and adapting the amplification ensue in at least one of
5 the frequency channels.

24. (previously presented) A method for setting a hearing aid system,
comprising:
providing a first and a second hearing aid device;
10 providing at least one input transducer for each of the first and second
hearing aid device;
receiving an acoustic input signal by the input transducer and converting
the acoustic input signal into an electrical signal by the input
transducer;
15 processing the electrical signal by a signal processing unit and converting
the processed electrical signal into an output signal by an output
transducer;
providing a signal path for data transmission between the first and second
hearing aid device;
20 determining a signal amplitude of an electrical signal in a signal path
between the input transducer and the output transducer of the first
hearing aid device;
transmitting a signal, via the signal path for data transmission to the
second hearing aid device, related to the determined signal
25 amplitude; and
adapting an amplification of an electrical signal in a signal path between
the input transducer and output transducer of the second hearing
aid device according to the determined signal amplitude determined
for the first hearing aid device.

25. (original) The method according to claim 24, wherein the signal amplitude of the electrical signal in the first hearing aid device is automatically determined, and a signal is transmitted onto the second hearing aid device.

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26. (original) The method according to claim 24, further comprising:
generating a test signal for determining the signal amplitude, the test
signal at least partially traversing the signal path between the input
transducer and the output transducer of the first hearing aid device.

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27. (original) The method according to claim 24, further comprising:
determining a signal amplitude of an electrical signal in a signal path
between the input transducer and the output transducer of the
second hearing aid device; and

15 transmitting a signal via the signal path for data transmission from the
second hearing aid device to the first hearing aid device related to
the determined signal amplitude of the second hearing aid device.

28. (original) The method according to claim 24, further comprising:
20 setting a filter of the first hearing aid device for adapting the signal
amplitude.

29. (original) The method according to claim 24, further comprising:
periodically determining the signal amplitude and adapting the signal
25 amplitude.

30. (original) The method according to claim 24, further comprising:

implementing at least one of a parameter and a function change in at least one of the first and second hearing aid devices; and

the determining of the signal amplitude and adapting of the signal amplitude follow the implementing of the at least one of the parameter and the function change.

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31. (original) The method according to claim 24, further comprising:

providing a plurality of parallel frequency channels for the signal processing, wherein the determining of the signal amplitude and the adapting of the signal amplitude ensue in at least one of the frequency channels.

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32. (original) A hearing aid system, comprising:

a first and a second hearing aid device, each of which comprise:

an input transducer for the pick-up of an acoustic input signal and conversion thereof into an electrical signal;

a signal processing unit for processing the electrical signal; and

an output transducer for converting the electrical signal into an output signal;

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the hearing aid system further comprising a signal path for data transmission between the first and second hearing aid device;

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the first hearing aid device further comprising:

a measuring mechanism configured to measure a signal transit time of an electrical signal in a signal path between the input transducer and the output transducer of the first hearing device; and

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a transmitter for transmitting the measured signal transit time from
the first hearing aid device to the second hearing aid device
over the signal path for data transmission;

the second hearing aid device further comprising:

5 a receiver for receiving the transmitted measured signal transit time;
and

an adapting mechanism configured for adapting a signal transit time
in a signal path between the input transducer and the output
transducer of the second hearing aid device based on the
10 received measured signal transit time.

33. (original) The hearing aid system according to claim 32, wherein the
measuring mechanism further comprises a correlator configured to perform a
correlation analysis on the electrical signal.

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34. (original) The hearing aid system according to claim 32, wherein at
least one of the first and second hearing aid devices comprises a signal delay
mechanism.

20 35. (original) The hearing aid system according to claim 32, wherein the
signal processing units of the first and of the second hearing aid device comprise
digital circuit technology and a clock, and at least one of the first and second
hearing aid devices further comprises a clock control.

25 36. (original) The hearing aid system according to claim 32, further
comprising:

a plurality of parallel frequency channels for the first and second hearing
aid devices in which the signal processing occurs;

wherein

the measuring mechanism of at least the first hearing aid device is
configured to measure the signal transit time in at least one
frequency channel; and

5 the adapting mechanism of at least the second hearing aid device is
configured to adapt the signal transit time in at least one frequency
channel.

37. (original) The hearing aid system according to claim 32, wherein:

10 the first hearing aid device further comprises at least one transmission unit
configured to wirelessly transmit data to the second hearing aid
device; and

the second hearing aid device further comprises at least one reception unit
configured to wirelessly receive data from the first hearing aid
15 device.

38. (original) The hearing aid system according to claim 32, wherein at
least the first hearing aid device further comprises a test signal generator.

20 39. (original) A hearing aid system, comprising:

a first and a second hearing aid device, each of which comprise:

an input transducer for the pick-up of an acoustic input signal and
conversion thereof into an electrical signal;

a signal processing unit for processing the electrical signal; and

25 an output transducer for converting the electrical signal into an
output signal;

the hearing aid system further comprising a signal path for data
transmission between the first and second hearing aid device;

the first hearing aid device further comprising:

5 a measuring mechanism configured to measure an amplification or
amplification change of an electrical signal in a signal path
between the input transducer and the output transducer of
the first hearing device; and

10 a transmitter for transmitting the measured amplification or
amplification change from the first hearing aid device to the
second hearing aid device over the signal path for data
transmission;

the second hearing aid device further comprising:

15 a receiver for receiving the transmitted measured amplification or
amplification change; and
an adapting mechanism configured for adapting an amplification in
a signal path between the input transducer and the output
transducer of the second hearing aid device based on the
received measured amplification or amplification change.

20 40. (original) The hearing aid system according to claim 39, further
comprising:

a plurality of parallel frequency channels for the first and second hearing
aid devices in which the signal processing occurs;

wherein

25 the measuring mechanism of at least the first hearing aid device is
configured to measure the amplification or amplification change in
at least one frequency channel; and

the adapting mechanism of at least the second hearing aid device is configured to adapt the amplification in at least one frequency channel.

5 41. (original) The hearing aid system according to claim 39, wherein:
the first hearing aid device further comprises at least one transmission unit configured to wirelessly transmit data to the second hearing aid device; and
the second hearing aid device further comprises at least one reception unit
10 configured to wirelessly receive data from the first hearing aid device.

42. (original) The hearing aid system according to claim 39, wherein at least the first hearing aid device further comprises a test signal generator.

15 43. (original) A hearing aid system, comprising:
a first and a second hearing aid device, each of which comprise:
an input transducer for the pick-up of an acoustic input signal and conversion thereof into an electrical signal;
20 a signal processing unit for processing the electrical signal; and
an output transducer for converting the electrical signal into an output signal;

the hearing aid system further comprising a signal path for data transmission between the first and second hearing aid device;

25 the first hearing aid device further comprising:
a measuring mechanism configured to measure a signal amplitude of an electrical signal in a signal path between the input

transducer and the output transducer of the first hearing device; and

a transmitter for transmitting the measured signal amplitude from the first hearing aid device to the second hearing aid device over the signal path for data transmission;

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the second hearing aid device further comprising:

a receiver for receiving the transmitted measured signal amplitude; and

an adapting mechanism configured for adapting a signal amplitude in a signal path between the input transducer and the output transducer of the second hearing aid device based on the received measured signal amplitude.

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44. (original) The hearing aid system according to claim 43, further comprising:

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a plurality of parallel frequency channels for the first and second hearing aid devices in which the signal processing occurs;

wherein

the measuring mechanism of at least the first hearing aid device is configured to measure the signal amplitude in at least one frequency channel; and

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the adapting mechanism of at least the second hearing aid device is configured to adapt the signal amplitude in at least one frequency channel.

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45. (original) The hearing aid system according to claim 43, wherein:

the first hearing aid device further comprises at least one transmission unit
configured to wirelessly transmit data to the second hearing aid
device; and

5 the second hearing aid device further comprises at least one reception unit
configured to wirelessly receive data from the first hearing aid
device.

46. (original) The hearing aid system according to claim 43, wherein at
least the first hearing aid device further comprises a test signal generator.

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47. (original) A hearing aid system, comprising:

a first and a second hearing aid device, each of which comprise:

an input transducer for the pick-up of an acoustic input signal and
conversion thereof into an electrical signal;

15 a signal processing unit for processing the electrical signal; and
an output transducer for converting the electrical signal into an
output signal;

the hearing aid system further comprising a signal path for data
transmission between the first and second hearing aid device;

20 the first hearing aid device further comprising:

a memory configured for storing data related to a signal transit time
of an electrical signal in a signal path between the input
transducer and the output transducer of the first hearing aid
device; and

25 a transmitter configured for transmitting data related to a signal
transit time of an electrical signal in a signal path between
the input transducer and the output transducer of the first
hearing aid device;

the second hearing aid device further comprising:

a receiver configured for receiving the transmitted data; and

an adapting mechanism configured for adapting a signal transit time
in a signal path between the input transducer and the output
transducer of the second hearing aid device based on the
received transmitted data.

48. (original) The hearing aid system according to claim 47, wherein the
first hearing aid device further comprises:

a plurality of parameter sets for adapting the signal processing in the first
hearing aid device to different hearing situations;

a memory for storing the plurality of parameter sets in the first hearing aid
device;

a setting mechanism for setting values of the parameter sets; and

a mechanism for allocating data with respect to the signal transit time of an
electrical signal in the signal path between the input transducer and
the output transducer of the first hearing aid device to at least one
parameter set.

49. (new) A method for setting a hearing aid system, comprising:

providing a first and a second hearing aid device;

providing at least one input transducer for each of the first and second
hearing aid device;

receiving an acoustic input signal by the input transducer and converting
the acoustic input signal into an electrical signal by the input
transducer;

processing the electrical signal by a signal processing unit and converting
the processed electrical signal into an output signal by an output
transducer;

5 providing a signal path for data transmission between the first and second
hearing aid device;

determining, by the first hearing aid device, an attribute value selected
from the group consisting of: a) signal transit time of the electrical
signal in a signal path between the input transducer and the output
transducer of the first hearing aid device, b) an amplification value
10 or a change in amplification value of an electrical signal in a signal
path between the input transducer and the output transducer of the
first hearing aid device, and c) a signal amplitude of an electrical
signal in a signal path between the input transducer and the output
transducer of the first hearing aid device;

15 transmitting, by the first hearing aid device, a signal via the signal path for
data transmission from the first hearing aid device to the second
hearing aid device related to attribute value; and

adapting, by the second hearing aid device, an attribute value of the
second hearing aid device to the determined attribute value in the
20 first hearing aid device based on the transmitted signal.